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The Board of the Ministry of Public Health USSR heard a report by Prof. S. M. Pavlenko, chief of GUMIZ on the progress of work for the improvement of scientific research in biology in the various enterprises of the Ministry of Public Health.

At the August session of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences imeni Lenin it was decided that great advances should be made for the improvement of the political and ideological training of medical personnel. It was noted that great danger existed as a result of the infiltration of the reactionary Weismann-Morgan-Mendel trends into such sciences as biology, pathology, microbiology etc. A Ministry decree pointed out the correct channels which scientific and research enterprises should follow in subsequent research.

As a result of this decree there has been a widespread revision of curricular programs at various teaching institutions. It was noted that the various publishing agencies have been somewhat slow in adopting this new ideology, but it is hoped that they will soon correct this.

The Board noted, however, that care must be taken when making a radical mechanical adoption of the Michurinian theory in some branches of medicine. It noted that such operations have already shown some errors which have worked to the detriment of medical science and practice.

The Board has urged all parties, GUMIZ, Scientific Medical Council, Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, teachers of medical students, etc., to take great care in reconstructing their teaching and research programs and not to make any radical changes, until they have a complete understanding of the political and ideological significance of this new trend in science.

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